

3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

5/47/050

Date: April 16, 2002 Time: about 11:30 am Location: T.5S. R.24E. Sec 6 S2 of Lot 8

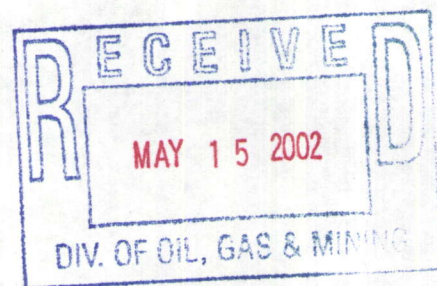
Operators present during inspection: No

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66357 (Hiko Bell project area) Is the operation active? No

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The project area remains in essentially the same condition as during the May 14, 2001 inspection as well as conditions noted during a joint on-site, involving Peter Sokolosky (BLM), Robert Covington (operator representative of Hiko Bell Oil and Mining) and Craig Caldwell (operator representative, Bluebell Oil Co.) conducted on October 18, 2001.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): No. Reclamation of the project area has not transpired within a reasonable time after the cessation of operations. The operator was issued Nov. 15, 2001 decision letter extending the time to conduct recontouring and seeding (operator was to have accomplished this on or before April 15, 2002). This decision has not been complied with. Following the inspection, the situation was discussed with the Asst. Fld Mgr Min. Res. and it was decided to proceed with the process of issuing a record of noncompliance. I verbally informed Mr. Robert Covington of the next step the BLM will take in the matter of this case via a telephone call made on April 17, 2002.

	name/title	date
Inspector	Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	May 1, 2002
Management	Howard Cleavinger/AFFMR	May 2, 2002



Attachment: digital images

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image 1 (above) - to east (at left) through southeast (at right) of oversized material in drainage (upward pointing arrow; some stockpiled oversized material just beyond), some material left on location (right arrow), eastern end of alluvial material excavated for processing (downward arrow, image 2 taken from a location right of this arrow), and stockpiles of fine sands, topsoil and pit-run material on southeast part of project area (left arrow).



image 2 - view to north of eastern limit of excavated material (alluvial material which was removed for on-site processing), see vehicle for scale

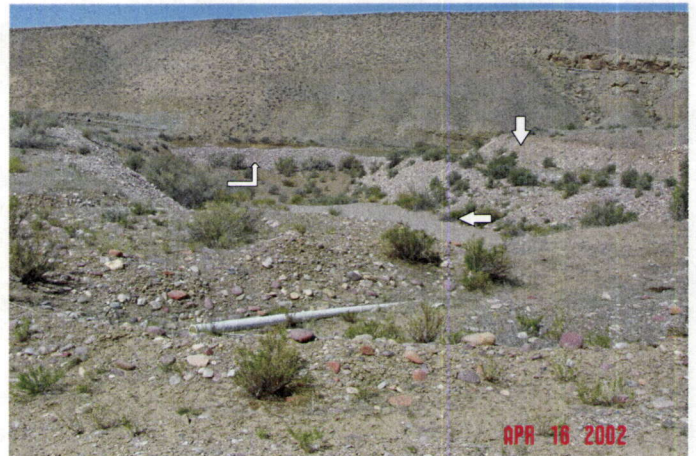


image 3 - view to west of [dried] settling pond area (left arrow), dammed by cobble rock (angle arrow); access to Green River is at right (down arrow; image 4 taken from the area of this arrow); residual pvc pipe at bottom-center

image 4 (below) - view to west of access road (part of the project and is required to be reclaimed); north end of cobble dam (in image 3) is at left-center (white pvc pipe laps over the top); Green River is across the top of the image.

